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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 5648 ACTION SECSTATE INFO SEOUL 5 NOV

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5648

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA KS KN XE

SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: THE EA PERFORMANCE

1. AS SEEN FROM USUN, OUR ENEMIES IN EA ARE STALWART IN THEIR
OPPOSITION: OUR FRIENDS ARE LESS FIRM IN THEIR SUPPORT. THE
REGIONAL VOTES WERE A) PRIORITY 5-10(US)-0; B) FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION 7(US)-4-4; AND C) HOSTILE RESOLUTION 5-2(US)-8.

2. THE FOUR COMMUNIST VOTES, I.E. CHINA MONGOLIA, CAMBODIA
AND LAOS, SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. BURMA MADE ITS HEARAELED MOVE TO
A MORE ACTIVIST FOREIGN POLICY BY SUPPORTING THE HOSTILE RESO-
LUTION AND ITS PRIORITY, WHILE MAINTAINING SOME TIE TO
TRADITION BY ABSTAINING ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. JAPAN
RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF ABSTENTIONS FROM BURMA SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE
THE VOTE. NEW ZEALAND WAS STAUNCH ON THE FRIENDLY "WORKING
GROUP" WHILE JAPAN STARTED SLOWLY BUT ENDED WITH A HEADS-UP
PERFORMANCE. AUSTRALIA'S ABSTENTION ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION
AFTER PUBLICLY PROMISING TO OPPOSE IT WAS SHOCKING AND
VERY DAMAGING. THIS DEFECTION PROBABLY COST US FOUR OTHER
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VOTES AND DEFINITELY CREATED

AND UNRAVELLING EFFECT. THE PHILIPPINES VIOLATED A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT TO US BY FAILING TO OPPOSE THE HOSTILE RES-- PRESUMABLY A ROMULO DECISION. CONSIDERING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND BASIC POLICIES OF INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COUNT ON MORE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT IN SECURITY MATTERS THAN WE GOT. FMS SALES TO MALAYSIA FOR ITS SECURITY SEEM HARDLY COMPATIBLE WITH ABSTENTIONS ON MATTERS OF SECURITY IMPORTANCE TO US, AS AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL HAS NOTED. THAILAND WAS OPPORTUNIST ON THE ISSUE.

3. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS: IN DESCENDING ORDER OF SEVERITY OUR DISPLEASURE OR DISAPPOINTMENT SHOULD BE EXPRESSED TO AUSTRALIA, PHILIPPINES, BURMA, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA-SINGAPORE-THAILAND AS A GROUP. GENUINE APPRECIATION SHOULD GO TO NEW ZEALAND AND JAPAN.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ALL EA DIPLOMATIC POSTS. MOYNIHAN UNQTE. KISSINGER

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